

## JUDGE CRITICISES RIGGS BANK RECORD

DECLARES EVIDENCE SHOWS RE-  
PEATED VIOLATIONS OF  
THE LAW.

CASE IS UNDER ADVISEMENT

Denies Injunction and Says Officials  
Would Have Erred If They Had  
Favored Institution—De-  
cision July 1.

Washington, D. C.—At the conclusion of five days of arguments, Justice McCoy of the district supreme court took under advisement the motion of the government to dismiss the suit brought by the Riggs National Bank to enjoin Secretary McAdoo, Comptroller Williams and Treasurer Burke from alleged unlawful persecution of the bank.

Relief sought by the plaintiff pending litigation was denied by the court, except as to the payment into the treasury of \$5,000 interest on bonds due the bank and withheld to cover penalties imposed by the comptroller for failure to furnish certain reports.

Justice McCoy indicated that he would occupy some time considering the case, but would endeavor to dispose of it before July 1.

"It seems to me, on the record as it stands, that the government officials would be remiss in their duty in selecting it as an agent for new applicant banks," said the justice. "The evidence here is of persistent violations of the law, and these violations did not begin when Mr. Williams came into office and they have continued to this day."

The court considered on the record, as now made up, the charge that Secretary McAdoo showed malice in an interview in his office with Riggs Bank officials.

The justice said it appeared to him that the malice was rather "on the other side."

At the opening of the day's session, Samuel Utermeyer of government counsel presented a bookkeeper's affidavit that there were 6,000 stock transactions shown on the books of Lewis Johnson & Co., stock brokers, in the name of the Riggs Bank.

## SWITZERLAND TAKES ACTION

Government Is to Decide on Course  
After Seeing German Reply  
to America.

Berne, Switzerland.—The Swiss federal authorities have decided to make suitable representations to Germany on the sinking, May 7, of the Cunard line steamer Lusitania by a German submarine, as a result of which three Swiss citizens lost their lives.

The government is awaiting knowledge of the German reply to the Washington note on this subject, so as better to be able to choose a wise course of procedure.

The Swiss think well of President Wilson's note, but to most newspapers it appears to be hardly strong enough. The argument is being made here by Swiss observers that the Swiss representations will have great weight because behind them there will be the Swiss army, 500,000 strong.

## ITALY BUYING HUGE SUPPLIES

Coal and Wheat Have Been Going in  
Large Volume for Several  
Months.

New York, N. Y.—Large orders for military stores and foodstuffs for Italy were reported to be in the market here, despite the fact that for months the Italian government has been drawing supplies from the United States in anticipation of hostilities.

Shipments of coal and wheat from this country to Italy in the last few weeks have been extensive, it is said. Many shipments of horses for use in the Italian army were reported to have been sent and an order for 50,000 more horses is understood to be awaiting acceptance.

## CONVICT COOKS ABOLISHED

Alabama Officials Who Have Been  
Getting Free Service From State  
Must Hire Help.

Montgomery, Ala.—The practice of detaining convicts as servants in the homes of Alabama state officials and as laborers at the capitol and other state institutions, was abolished by an executive order by Gov. Henderson.

The order, which declares the practice illegal, will return about 75 convicts, mostly negro women, to the penitentiary and state convict farm.

Crown Princess to Quit Mate.  
London.—The Telegraph states it has information from an absolutely reliable source that the German crown princess is about to break with her husband and leave Berlin for Russia, her native country.

Firm Refuses War Order.  
Batle Creek, Mich.—A war order, representing a business of \$3,000 a day, was refused by the Union Steam Pump Company here. The contract called for the manufacture of shrapnel, supposedly for the allied forces.

## KING ALFONSO AS POLO PLAYER



While so many of his brother monarchs of Europe are at war, King Alfonso of Spain finds time to indulge in his favorite sport of polo. This picture shows him as he took part in the opening game of the Royal Sport club at Madrid.

## ROCKEFELLER DEFENDS LEE MT. LASSEN REAL VOLCANO

COMMISSION HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Oil Man Complains of Chairman's Implication That He Concurred in Wrongdoing.

Washington, D. C.—John D. Rockefeller Jr., before the industrial relations commission, defended the truthfulness of Ivy Lee, to whom he admitted his father paid \$6,000 for Lee's services in the Colorado mine strike troubles. The witness complained that Chairman Walsh, by his questions, was endeavoring to make it clear that Lee did something wrong and that he (Rockefeller) concurred.

The defense of Lee followed the reading of a letter from Lee to Rockefeller calling attention to a magazine article Lee had written in which he said he set forth his ideals. Next the chairman read from the magazine article.

A quotation was: "One must be careful of the terms allowed to lodge in the public mind—with regard to the effect, not to the logical sequence." "Very sound logic," commented Rockefeller.

Defends Lee's Truthfulness.  
"Isn't that ideal an invitation of mendacity?" asked Walsh. "Absolutely not," said Rockefeller. "If I had such an idea I wouldn't have touched Mr. Lee with a ten-foot pole."

Preceding the morning session an executive meeting of the commission was held. At its close Chairman Walsh announced:

"I am not privileged to say what transpired in executive session. Mr. Rockefeller will be accorded the most courteous treatment in his examination, however."

None of the commissioners would speak.

## CHINESE WAR SPIRIT REVIVES

President Yuan Shi Kai Issues Man-  
date Which Memorializes Two  
Generals of Former Dynasties.

Peking, China.—In order to revive the martial spirit and to promote loyalty to the authority of the president, Yuan Shi Kai has issued a mandate which is in keeping with those recently calling for the worship of Confucius and worship at the Temple of Heaven.

The third mandate revives the worship of the spirits of the Generals Yo Fei and Kuan Yu, who in former days were great heroes and gave up their lives in loyalty to former emperors. The ceremony was performed by the minister of war, and many other military men.

## THREE IN FAMILY MURDERED

Man and Two Children Found Dead  
—Had Separated From Wife  
and Mother.

Paisley, England.—Two children of eight years and a girl of 10, were found dead here, having apparently been attacked in their sleep. The father was found dead in the kitchen with his throat cut. There were two younger children in the house, who were uninjured.

It is stated that Fleming's wife left him a day or two before the tragedy on account of some difference between them.

## Wagner Loses Job.

Pittsburg, Pa.—"Honius" Wagner, the veteran shortstop of the Pittsburg Pirates lost his job as a member of the state fisheries commission. He was appointed by Tener but Prumbaugh failed to reappoint him.

## Jane Addams Presents Peace Plea.

Berlin.—Miss Jane Addams, American suffrage and peace leader, formally presented to Herr von Jagow, the German foreign secretary, the copy of the resolutions adopted by the Women's Peace Congress at the Hague.

## MT. LASSEN REAL VOLCANO

"SURE ENOUGH AND MORE OR  
LESS DANGEROUS."

Farms Are Buried Under Mud, Stock  
Is Killed and Farmers Are  
Fleeing.

Washington, D. C.—The latest outbreak of Lassen peak, Cal., announced the United States geological survey "marks a distinct point in the progressive change in the character of the eruptions, and places Lassen in the category of sure enough and more or less dangerous volcanoes."

Redding, California.—Mount Lassen was sending out a river of mud, burying farms along Hat Creek in a muddy ooze from four to six feet deep. Farmers are fleeing to the hills.

When the warning was received at midnight from the federal forester rangers the inhabitants could hardly believe they were in danger. W. C. Hall and his family escaped in their nightclothes. Every head of Hall's stock was killed except a few horses.

The families of Wilbur Wilcox and Charles Hawkins were nearly buried. Several settlements along the creek are in the path of the flood.

## IS ELBERT HUBBARD ALIVE?

Medium Says Lusitania Victim Was  
Taken Ashore Wounded—Re-  
latives to Search.

Buffalo, New York.—John D. Larkin, millionaire soap manufacturer, departed for Queenstown to conduct an organized search for Elbert Hubbard, who was on the Lusitania. Larkin will offer rewards for information of Hubbard's whereabouts, if alive, and his body is dead.

Larkin's departure follows revelations at a spiritual seance at East Aurora, the home of the Philistines. Although officials of the Roycroft enterprises have given up all hope that either of the Hubbards is alive, many folk in the village pin their faith to the story told in the spiritualistic seance. It is said that the medium declared that Mrs. Hubbard had perished, but that Hubbard was taken ashore among the wounded survivors and is now being cared for in a fisherman's cottage. The medium says he is seriously ill and has been unable to tell his name.

Larkin is a brother of Hubbard's first wife. He will offer rewards for the recovery of the second Mrs. Hubbard's body, too.

## BANDITS THREATEN ALIENS

Mexican Government Said to Be Pow-  
erless Against Outlaws—Ger-  
man Diplomat Assaulted.

Washington, D. C.—His hearers Mexico City who assaulted the German charge d'affaires now are threatening the lives of other foreigners, according to diplomatic dispatches received here.

One message states that "Indescribably loathsome" conditions prevail, and that the government is powerless against bandits.

Washington, D. C.—Outlaws in Washington, May 22.—His hearers had chosen woman's second best profession, Dr. Wiley told the members of a nurses' graduating class, but he declared marriage was the best one.

\$173 for Girl Student's Clothes.  
Champaign, Ill.—The average young woman student at the University of Illinois spends \$173 a year for her clothes, the lowest spent by any student was \$50 and the highest \$300. This is considered by the faculty as a very reasonable amount.

Villa's Soldiers Leave Saltillo.  
El Paso, Tex.—The evacuation of Saltillo by the Villa troops and the city's occupation by forces of the Eulacio Gutierrez faction was reported in advices received here.

## ITALY DECIDES ON WAR TO AID ALLIES

ONE MORE NATION IS DRAWN  
INTO TERRIBLE CONFLICT  
IN EUROPE

## GREECE ALSO IS GETTING UNEASY

Constantine May Be Forced to Take  
Up Arms, for Now is Oppor-  
tune Time to Settle Old  
Scores and Breed More.

### BULLETIN.

ATHENS—THE MINISTERS OF WAR WERE CALLED IN CLOSED CONFERENCE HERE, AND IT IS DECLARED BY AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE THAT GREECE IS DEEPLY CONSIDERING UPON ENTERING THE EUROPEAN WAR.

The Italian chamber of deputies on the 20th delegated plenary powers to the king's ministry, and losing no time, the monarch called a council, and on Sunday, the 23d, issued a declaration of war against Austria-Hungary.

### General Mobilization Order.

Rome.—Contemporaneously with the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian government officially announced that it had declared war against Austria-Hungary.

The first skirmish of the Italo-Austrian war occurred Sunday between Italian and Austrian troops at Forcellini di Montozzo in the pass between Pont di Legno and Pejo.

An Austrian patrol crossed the frontier, but was attacked by Italian Al-

pine Chasseurs and driven back over the border.

Prior to the declaration of war, and after a lengthy consultation, the ministers of war and marine proclaimed all the provinces bordering on Austria and the islands and coast towns of Adriatic in a state of war, which was equivalent to the establishment of martial law, the step usually preceding the formal declaration.

### War Conference Is Held.

Gen. Zupelli, minister of war, and Vice Admiral Viale, minister of marine, remained with the king for a considerable time after the others departed, and later they had a conference with Lieut. Gen. Cadorna, chief of staff, and Vice Admiral Phaulon di Revel, chief of the naval staff.

## ENEMIES SAID TO HOLD 30,000 ITALIANS AS PRISONERS OF WAR

Rome.—The report reaching Rome that the German and Austrian governments have prevented 30,000 Italians from leaving the territory of those countries has created a profound impression here.

The Giornale d'Italia declines to believe the truth of this report, not because this would be opposed to the rights of nations, but for the reason that the Italian government not only permitted the departure of Austrians and Germans from Italian soil, but protected them.

From the Austrian side of the frontier news reaches Rome that Italian residents are being hunted, that the fate of 600 who left Trieste hoping to reach Italy is unknown and that the greatest anxiety for them is felt.

Terror reigns among the inhabitants of Trieste, according to reports. Houses have been abandoned by the people and some buildings have been sacked. Police and soldiers are said to be in control in the city.

An unknown person climbed the dome of Basilica of San Giusto, the loftily situated cathedral in Trieste, and planted the Italian tricolor at the top. Austrian gendarmes were engaged several hours removing the flag.

A dispatch received from Pola says the workmen in the dockyards there revolted and many were shot and killed. The survivors were sent to prison in Bohemia.

At Zara, Spolito and Sebenico,

three towns in Dalmatia, all the Italian notables are said to have been arrested and the other Italians ordered to leave within a day.

### Italian Mayor Arrested.

At Rovigno, in Istria, 62 Italians have been arrested. These include the mayor, Sig. D'Avanzo, and the secretary of the municipality. All Italian citizens residing near the fortifications of Pola have been taken into custody by the police, and at Cormons, on the frontier, 1,000 Italians, for the most part women and children, have been concentrated and prevented from leaving the territory.

A Verona dispatch says that Marione Weber of Trieste, who, notwithstanding his German name, was an ardent Italian, enlisted in the French army when the war began. He was taken prisoner by the Germans, and when it was learned that he had resided in Trieste he was handed over to the Austrian authorities and hanged at Lina.

The population of the town of Trent, one of the strongly fortified Austrian towns, has been reduced one-fifth. During the last few days the inhabitants have been terrified by the explosion of mines, with which the military authorities were destroying houses, bridges and everything within the fortified zone that might interfere with future artillery actions. The remainder of the residents of Trent have been notified to be in readiness to leave instantly.

## GERMAN AMBASSADOR ORDERED TO RETURN HOME AT ONCE

London.—A Berlin official dispatch, received by Reuter's Telegram Company by way of Amsterdam and dated May 23, says:

"The Italian government caused to be declared through the ambassador to the Austro-Hungarian government, the Duke of Avarna, that Italy considers herself in a state of war with Austria-Hungary."

"The Italian government by this inexcusable attack against the dual monarchy, has also broken, without right or without ground, her alliance with Germany."

"The loyal relationship existing con-

formally with the treaty between Austria-Hungary and the German empire, and still more firmly welded by the comradeship of arms has remained unimpaired by the defection of the third ally and his desertion to the enemies' camp. The German ambassador therefore has received instructions to leave Rome conjointly with the Austro-Hungarian ambassador."

London.—Marquis Di Garroni, Italian ambassador to Turkey, and his staff are leaving Constantinople, according to an Athens dispatch to the Telegraph.

### The Worst Way.

That man wrote a highly abusive letter about the injuries he had received.

That's not the way to write one's wrongs.

### Marital Amenities.

She—There is only one way a man of your disposition could make any woman happy.

How's that?

"By making her your widow."

### Why Should He.

We never heard of a man who tried to free himself from manslaughter charge by pleading guilty to murder, but an upstate man tried to prove he wasn't crazy by claiming that he was a Iowa.—Milwaukee Journal.

### True, but Misleading.

"Dick hugged me last night before I had the faintest idea of what he was about."

"And what did you do?"

"Why, of course, I was instantly up in arms about it."

## Temperance

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

### FROM MANY WITNESSES.

In summing up a complete refutation of the statements sent out by the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers association in an article on "Facts About Prohibition in Kansas," Governor Arthur Capper says:

Let us call the witnesses and see what they think of prohibition in Kansas. If anyone should know, they should know, for they live with it and under it.

The governor of Kansas says prohibition is a great success.

Every state official who has spoken out says prohibition succeeds.

More than 700 editors and newspaper men of Kansas in state convention, unanimously endorsed prohibition.

Every political party in Kansas favors the prohibition law.

No minister has ever opened his mouth in favor of return of license; neither has any schoolteacher.

The president of Kansas Retailers says prohibition pays.

The president of the State Bankers' association believes that prohibition is a tremendous asset to Kansas.

One hundred and sixty-six bankers have filed their testimony in favor of the law with the Temperance society of the Methodist Episcopal church, and only six could be found in all the state who doubted the wisdom of this legislation.

The president of the Kansas Medical society believes in prohibition.

The president of the Commercial clubs of Kansas has said that prohibition has added real value to every acre of Kansas land.

The supreme court has testified in the following strong language to the benefits of the prohibition law:

"The prohibitory law is well enforced throughout the state. It is generally well enforced as any other criminal law. The enforcement of the law distinctly promotes social welfare and reduces to a minimum economic waste consequent upon the liquor traffic and allied evils. The saloonkeeper and his comrades have been excluded from effective participation in the politics of the state."

And to completely settle the question for all time the legislature of Kansas, not by a majority, but unanimously passed at its last session a concurrent resolution affirming in no uncertain language its belief in the advantage of prohibition.

### FOR WHAT OTHER PURPOSE?

The moving picture show has become a powerful factor in arousing the prejudice of thoughtless and weak-minded people against the liquor interests, and particularly against the saloon," says the Liberal Advocate, a liquor dealers' organ.

"In virtually every blood and thunder and crime film produced there is sure to be a scene depicting a bunch of lowbrows plotting some villainy from burglary to murder while licking up liberal libations of liquor to give them the proper amount of courage to accomplish their deed."

"Each day thousands of these films are portrayed to millions of men, women and children in every part of the country, and those who know no better, and many who ought to know better, soon become imbued with the belief that liquor is only manufactured and saloons established for the purpose of increasing lawlessness and crime."

### PAYS NOTHING BACK.

This from Billy Sunday:  
"The saloon comes as near being a rat hole for a wage earner to dump his wages in as anything you can find. The only interest it pays is red eyes and foul breath and the loss of health. You go in with money and you come out with empty pockets. You go in with character and you come out ruined. You go in with a good position and you lose it. You lose your position in the bank, or in the cab of the locomotive. And the saloon pays nothing back but disease and damnation and gives an extra dividend in delirium tremens and a free pass to perdition. And then it will let your wife be buried in the potter's field, and your children go to the asylum, and yet you walk out and say that the saloon is a good institution, when it is the dirtiest thing on earth. It hasn't one leg to stand on and has nothing to commend it to a decent man, not one thing."

### BILL BOARDS IN LINE.

By its action in refusing to accept further advertising contracts for whisky or distilled and spirituous liquors, the members of the Poster Advertising association place themselves in line with the 520 daily newspapers and scores of magazines in the United States whose columns are closed to all liquor advertising.

### He Hadn't Heard.

Teacher—Where is the Dead sea?  
Tommy—Don't know, ma'am.  
"Don't know where the Dead sea is?"

"No, ma'am. I didn't even know any of the seas were sick, ma'am."

### The Boy's Complaint.

"Oh, no; there ain't any favorites in this family!" soliloquized Johnny.  
"Oh, no! If I bite my fingernails, I catch it over my knuckles. But if he baby eats his whole foot, they think it's cute."—New's Life.